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## **My Experience at the 2009 National Emergency Services Academy**

**C/CMSgt Ruben Cruz-  
Colon**

**Commander Jadwin (left)  
shown congratulating Cadet  
Cruz-Colon for being FIRST**

**IN HIS MISSION COMMUNICATIONS CLASS.**

Two weeks ago, I attended NESA (National Emergency Services Academy) at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. NESA is an academy that consists of three different "schools": GSAR (Ground Search And Rescue), where you learn basic and advanced searching skills, ICSS (Incident Command School), where you learn different positions at Mission Base and how to handle any SAR situation, and MAS (Mission Aircrew School), where you learn about the different positions of the aircraft and what to do. In the "schools", there are different classes that teach you different skills.

The classes I attended were Mission Communications Class and the Advanced GSAR. In the Mission Communications Class, I learned about radios and how to properly use them, such as writing down formal messages, troubleshooting, using the correct terminology, and we even learned how to set up an antenna. This class was more interesting than I thought, and I learned a lot about radios.

The Advanced GSAR is a class where I learned advanced skills of GSAR. I learned some tips on interviewing people, how to know where you are in a map and how to give your location, how to put up a shelter, and I even learned basic skills on how to lead a Ground Team. I learned a lot of advanced skills and how to become a better Ground Team Member.

I enjoyed NESA and am looking forward to going again next year. I hope to see some of you next year, and if you do go, I hope you have as much fun as I had.

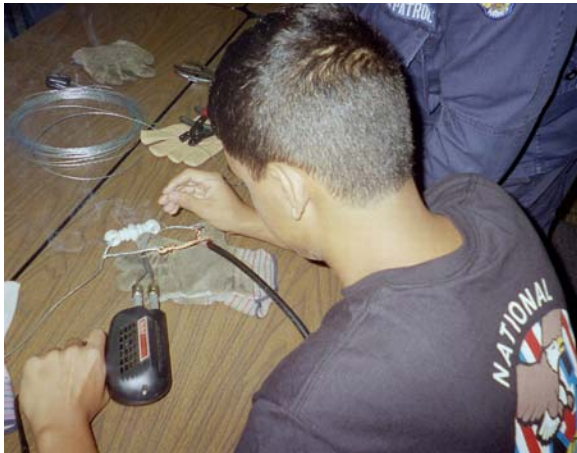
**Additional information about NESA and courses  
can be found at: <http://nesa.cap.gov/>.**

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## NESA PIX



setting up an emergency antenna for long distance communications



C/CMSgt Cruz-Colon soldering emergency antenna connections



< C/CMSgt Cruz-Colon GRADUATION

## C/A1c Terry McDowell

Hi. My name is Terry J McDowell. I am 14 years old, and I attend school at House of Knowledge Christian Academy. I also attend church at Destiny Christian Center. My favorite color is black and I like the Philadelphia Eagles. My hobby is Tech Decking, and I play video games in my free time.



I go to Civil Air Patrol because it will help me get into the Air Force Academy. I also like flying because I want to be a pilot when I get older. One of the things that I like about flying is that you are free. There's nothing up there in the sky. I like looking down at the cars and houses, because they look small. We also help at the Air Shows, and we walk the planes onto the runway. Then, we get to see the planes do incredible things in the air.

Civil Air Patrol is preparing me to be a good leader. They even teach me drill movements such as marching. After I get out of the Academy, I want to go into the Air Force, because I want to be a fighter pilot. The plane that I want to fly is the...



F-22 Raptor

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